

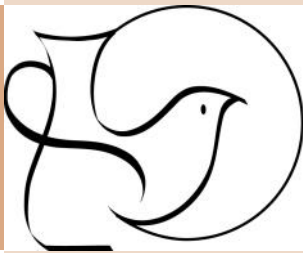
## Sounds of the Season

Palm Sunday



Spillthebeans.org

April 2, 2023



# The Waterford Buzz

### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour—  
Classes for all ages

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Luke & Becky Gascho  
Ushers: Douglas Graber, Ken  
Otto, Denise Diener  
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,  
Colin Berkey

### **This Week at Waterford**

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Mentor/Mentee mtg

#### **Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
Meal and Service / FH

#### **Zoom prayers**

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

### **New Fellowship Ministry Team Begins Planning**

The Waterford Fellowship Ministry Team has begun meeting recently. Members of the team are Melissa Chupp, Mariko Claassen, Jon. Wieand, Camila Pérez Diener, Rita Herrmann, and Cindy Voth. The purpose of the team is to provide opportunities for the congregation to interact and build relationships with one another and to come up with creative ways that we can be together in less structured settings.

While we have begun planning events, we also want to support you in bringing about your interests. If you have an idea for a congregational or small group event, feel free to reach out to one of us and let us know how we can help you make it happen. Some of the events we have on the horizon include a resurrection of our monthly potlucks, a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner evening, a bike ride on the Pumpkinvine Trail, and attendance at a South Bend Cubs game. Look for details about these events and more in the coming months.

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## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 213

Nurture Hour – 185

### Finances – March 26, 2023

Operating Fund: \$4,060.41

Mennonite Education: \$6,315.00

Either Fund: \$7,405.00

**Budget Total \$17,780.41**

YTD Giving through 47 weeks is

\$679,000, YTD Expenses

through 47 weeks are

\$667,000. Budgeted Giving for

the year is \$755,000. The

average giving needed over the

final 5 weeks is \$15,200 per

week.

### Looking Ahead

April 9; Sermon: Cindy Voth;

Easter; Communion

(Matthew 28:1-10)

April 16; Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Go Teach

(Matthew 28:16-20)

### Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

### Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1 - 3

Tuesday, Friday

9 - 12

The *Waterford Buzz* is published weekly for members of Waterford Mennonite Church. Items for inclusion should be given to the editor by 5 p.m. Tuesday preceding publication.

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# New Attender Profile

## Introducing the Methods

Derrick, Sara, Jasper and Eliza Method began attending Waterford Mennonite in December of 2022. They moved from North Carolina to Goshen this past summer after Sara accepted a job teaching art at Goshen College.

Derrick grew up in New Paris, Indiana and is glad to be back near family again. He is currently working in the physical plant at Goshen College, but is looking forward to getting back into his woodshop now that they have settled into their home here in Goshen. Derrick has a background in furniture design from Herron School of Art and has been building tiny homes for the past few years in North Carolina. He enjoys gardening, woodworking, and riding his bicycle.

Sara grew up in southwest Virginia and has degrees from Salem College in North Carolina, the University of Notre Dame, and Western Carolina University. She is a lifelong student at heart but excited to be teaching at Goshen College. She enjoys reading, quilting, printmaking, and hiking.

Jasper is a 5th grader at Goshen Intermediate School. He enjoys drawing, Pokemon, Minecraft, and Lego, among other things. This year he was on the GIS chess team and played basketball. He is also participating in a variety of projects for 4H.

Eliza is in 3rd grade at Parkside Elementary School. She enjoys drawing, painting, crafting, reading, and anything to do with animals. This year she played basketball, participated in running club and is working on a variety of projects for 4H as well.

They are looking forward to getting to know folks at Waterford Mennonite and building a sense of community.

Welcome Derrick, Sara, Jasper and Eliza!



# Waterford Announcements

## Holy Week Schedule:

- **April 2, Palm Sunday** with special donkey guest
- **April 6, Maundy Thursday:** All are invited to share in a simple meal together at 6 p.m., followed by a service of footwashing. Please **sign up at the Participation Station this Sunday** to bring food (soup, bread, or fruit to serve 8) and to help with set up or clean up for the meal.
- **April 9, Easter Sunday:**  
**7:00 a.m. Gathered outdoor Sunrise Service** at Jackson Cemetery (southeast of Goshen on CR 44, between CR 127 and CR 31). Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs.  
**9:00 a.m. Easter brunch.** Bring breads or breakfast casseroles to share.  
**10:00 a.m. Easter worship.** We will worship together through song, drama, word and sharing in Communion.

**Last Call for donations to the Service Auction.** If you have, or will have something to donate for the auction, please contact Matt Bateman at [mattcb@gmail.com](mailto:mattcb@gmail.com) and let him know.

**New Member Class.** The class will meet for two sessions on April 12 and 19 from 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Please contact Pastors Cindy or Deron if you wish to explore membership at Waterford by April 2.

**Endowment Fund Reminder:** Applications for the Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund will be accepted until April 12, 2023. A complete copy of the Endowment Fund Guidelines can be found under the big bulletin board or at [www.waterfordchurch.org](http://www.waterfordchurch.org). Please submit the applications to Lyz Zimmerman.

**Salt & Light weekly reflection** for [April 2](#).

## Opportunities

Seeking a **Digital Marketing Manager**. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.75 FTE position to start in April 2023 or as soon as possible. The person in this role will serve as a member of the AMBS Marketing and Communications Team, contributing to the concept, development and production of marketing and communications projects. Primary responsibilities include managing the seminary's website and overseeing social media strategy and implementation, digital marketing and database management, and video production. See the full job description: [ambs.edu/jobs](http://ambs.edu/jobs)

**Ecumenical Advocacy Days, April 25-27**, is an annual gathering of Christian advocates and activists. This year the theme is "Swords into Plowshares: Achieving Enough for All & Pursuing Peace," based on Micah 4:3-4. The three-day conference will take place entirely online and feature keynote speakers, worship, workshops and advocacy opportunities for all attendees. [Read more about the workshop.](#)

Only one month left to apply for **Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs**, including participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa or a trip to the Mexico-United States border. Find more information at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/Youth%20Venture>

## Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA is hosting a collaborative **Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit**, July 7, 2023, at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. The event will bring together experts in climate change, spiritual activism and social justice to explore the ways that young people ages 14 to 25 can put their faith to work to address the spiritual and human crisis caused by climate change. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/climatesummit](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/climatesummit)

**Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominees for its 2023 #BringthePeace awards.** The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your recommendations for nominees by completing this form by April 14: [mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination](http://mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination)

Mennonite Church USA is proud to **acknowledge John Stoner of Akron (Ohio) Mennonite Church** for his peacebuilding work with the 2022 #BringthePeace Legacy Peacemaker award, sponsored by the denomination's Church Peace Tax Fund. Read his interview here: [mennoniteusa.org/john-stoner-2022-btp](http://mennoniteusa.org/john-stoner-2022-btp)

**Talashia Keim Yoder**, pastor at College Mennonite Church, in Goshen, Indiana, is the author of this year's Lent at Home resource, sponsored by Mennonite Education Agency, which offers individuals and families flexible options for participating in Lent in their own home environments. Read her reflections here: [mennoniteusa.org/created-us-to-be](http://mennoniteusa.org/created-us-to-be) See the Lent at Home 2023 resources for Holy Week here: [mennoniteusa.org/lentathome](http://mennoniteusa.org/lentathome)

## Upcoming Community Events

Join us! The **3rd Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference and Festival**, June 15-18, brings together Mennonite practitioners, artists and theologians from around the world to learn, share and discuss their work for peace. We are excited to invite people to Eastern Mennonite University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia to participate and share in this global journey. [Learn more here.](#)

### Pathways Retreat

Pathways Retreat will have **Stations of the Cross and Resurrection** available in the Pathways woods and on their website beginning on Palm Sunday, April 2. On Good Friday there will be a short noontime service of prayer and reflection. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org).

The **Goshen College Theater Department** will present **Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods***. The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. Performances on March 31 at 7:30 p.m.; April 2 at 2:30 p.m. You can purchase tickets at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets).

**The family of Dave Leatherman invites everyone to an informal worship and sharing event to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.** The event will be held at Waterford Mennonite Church at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 8. No gifts or cards, please. Instead, you may bring a can or box of food for the Window pantry. The worship time will be streamed at [waterfordchurch.org/streaming/](http://waterfordchurch.org/streaming/)

The **2023 Elkhart County Jail Ministry Banquet** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at Nappanee Missionary Church, 70417 SR 19 N. It will be an informal, dessert-only banquet (pie and coffee) where current and former inmates will give testimonies. If you would like to be part of a Waterford Mennonite Church sponsored table, please contact Russ Hochstedler. There is no cost to attend, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the ministry.

**MCC Alumni & Friends Service Nights:** Join other local MCC alumni and friends at our MCC Material Resources Center in Goshen for an evening of fun and fellowship while **helping to pack much-needed kits**. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world, and these kits are a tangible way to share hope with people in difficult situations. There are two chances for you to join the kit packing event: Wednesday, May 3 or Friday, May 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. More information and registration at: [mcc.org/gl-alumni-service](http://mcc.org/gl-alumni-service).

## Thank You

### From MCC Great Lakes

On behalf of our partners in Ukraine, thank you for your recent gifts to Mennonite Central Committee to help alleviate some of the suffering in Ukraine. With one third of the population of Ukraine currently displaced, our partners have been busy. They've been ministering in their communities, distributing food baskets, turning schools and churches into shelters to house people fleeing destroyed homes or violence and helping secure alternative heating and electricity sources to help people survive the winter. MCC sent 11 containers of comforters, school kits, relief kits and canned meat last year and are making plans to ship another 18 containers this year. One partner specializes in trauma healing for children living in shelters. Your support is helping partners hire and train more staff to better support those whose lives have been disrupted by this war. Thank you for your support and prayers for a quick end to this war so that the people of Ukraine can rebuild their lives in peace. Read about this work and more at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org).